

## Report on LSP Funded Programme 2007/08

Funded projects carried forward from 2006/07	Commentary
<b>Addressing Diversity</b> (£15,000 awarded Nov 2005)	Completed. Newtosomerset web site established and being monitored and developed Reports on progress by SSDC to LSP Board.
<b>Market Town Vision</b> (£25,000 awarded 2005/06)	Phase 1 completed with Market Town Investment Group set up. Provisions of the Market Town Vision still being implemented. Reports on progress by SSDC to LSP Board.
<b>Well-being of Young People</b> (£47,000 awarded Nov 2005)	Active. SSDC launched the B Active (referral) Scheme in January 2008 to complete commitments made in the original programme alongside the launch of the PETA programme (see below). Almost 120 young people have been referred onto the scheme by a range of referrers including Avon & Somerset Constabulary and local schools. Demand is considerable and the officers are working to stretched capacity to deal with take up. Most of the young people are completing their three month supported period and are being given a passport to leisure card, allowing discounted use across the district for a 12-month period. Evaluation will monitor the young people to see if they continue to engage in physical activity in the long term.
<b>Well-being of Young People</b> (£37,000 awarded July 2006)	Completed. The PETA programme was launched in May 2006. Connexions commissioned Project Engage that has delivered work with over 40 individuals with emotional and social issues, from November 2007 to June 2008. They have also supported group work sessions in schools to raise confidence and build self-esteem. The project will end in August 2008
<b>Biodiversity Action Plan</b> (£10,000 May 2005)	Completed. Funding was specifically used to maximise the involvement of young people and community/ interest groups in the solutions to local needs. The South Somerset Local Biodiversity Action Plan was adopted by the LSP in May 2008. Responsibility for co-ordinating delivery of the plan rests with the local authorities.
<b>Inward Investment Strategy</b> (£45,000 awarded July 2006)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Active. Connecting Somerset (SCC) is delivering the Chard Connect (Wireless Broadband Service) project. Infrastructure has been installed and grants given to three businesses to connect. Efforts continue to engage a further seven businesses in Chard.</li> <li>2. Completed. Broadplaces Project delivered through the Community Council for Somerset has delivered infrastructure to seven village halls in South Somerset and training to local people.</li> <li>3. Completed. Business grants for ICT infrastructure in Areas North, East and West. 39 businesses (including 3 Post Offices) received grants.</li> </ol>

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<b>Health and Wellbeing</b> (£35,000 awarded Sept 2006)	Active. This included a feasibility study on an iconic community and healthy lifestyle centre for Yeovil. A recent multi-agency Stakeholder Workshop was held with representatives including SWRDA, South Somerset Homes, Yeovil District Hospital, Somerset PCT, Somerset County Council, Yeovil College, Yeovil Town Council, and SSDC. The programme included: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Presentation on the health inequalities report</li> <li>2. Presentation on the Healthy Towns initiative</li> <li>3. Discussion about the potential for improved joint working including setting up a community “hub”.</li> </ol>
<b>Joint Enforcement Project</b> (No LSP funding awarded; a joint partner approach to enforcement)	Completed. On-going reports on progress by Avon & Somerset Constabulary, Environment Agency and SSDC to LSP Board. Outcomes include the publication of the Enforcement Aide Memoir.

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<b>Welfare Benefits</b> (Citizens Advice Bureau - May 2007)	Completed. The Home Visiting team consisted of two caseworkers and one administrator, all working part-time. They assisted 281 clients from all over South Somerset, including some rural areas with an annual increase to client’s income of £340,173, with £29,153 being awarded in lump sums; a total of £369,326.
<b>Prevention of Homelessness via County Court</b> (Citizens Advice Bureau - May 2007)	Completed. A total of 122 clients were referred from eight organisations and by self-referral, five on Possession Day (59 in 2006/07 and 63 in 2007/08), of which 70 families with a total of 134 children were referred.
<b>Headcams pilot</b> (Avon & Somerset Constabulary - July 2007)	Completed. Equipment purchased included 19 Body worn video complete kits. Training of over 140 Police officers and PCSOs, staff at SSDC and other partner organisations on the use of the equipment has recently been completed.
<b>Sites for Affordable Housing</b> (South Somerset Homes & SSDC - September 2007)	Active. Clive Miller & Associates Ltd (with Three Dragons Ltd) consultants were appointed. Somerset County Council provided a further £25,000 funding to extend the project to a countywide basis. A report on the potential sites available for affordable housing development will be produced by August 2008.
<b>Somerset Strategic Housing Market Assessment</b> (SSDC – January 2008)	Active. The draft SHMA report is due to be received from the Consultants at the start of August with a subsequent stakeholder event to be held to discuss it in early September with a Partnership of Local Authorities (South Somerset, Sedgemoor, Taunton Deane and West Somerset), developers, Registered Social Landlords and other interested parties due to

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	formally accept the report in accord with Government guidelines soon after.
<b>SHINE/Social Enterprise support</b> (SSDC/PCT - September 2007)	<p>Active. Setting up the SHINE Project and Board to link health and well-being delivery in Chard and Yeovil based at the Chard Healthy Living Centre, with a Project Manager and fundraising and admin support. Consultant support to set up SHINE and support the Balsam Centre in Wincanton. Activities delivered by SHINE include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Exercise In-Practice: Shine and Ryalls Park Medical Centre are preparing a submission to Wyvern Health for the extension of GP services for the hard to engage. Exercise In-Prescription will offer two 30 minute one-to-one exercise sessions per week targeting patients who have diabetic, C.O.P.D or obesity conditions;</li> <li>• The extension of Cardio rehab (phase 4) services to Chard residents who would normally have to travel to Taunton or Yeovil. This initiative is now building momentum and has wide engagement with potential delivery partners. Discussions have involved CRESTA, Yeovil Hospital, a Private Fitness facility, Tone Leisure and Crewkerne Aqua Centre;</li> <li>• Issue based workshops and Mental Health Awareness training for young people with Birchfield Church (Echelon Youth Club) and The Urban Warriors (Gateway Church) in Yeovil. We have agreed a monthly training and workshop programme on emotional issues for vulnerable young people;</li> <li>• Boden Centre Activities include the introduction of Belly dancing classes with the start of walk sessions at the end of July.</li> <li>• Shine has initiated regular meetings with the new Health Trainers in Chard and Yeovil and the SSDC Area West Active Lifestyles Co-ordinator to plan ways to work with hard-to-reach groups in the most deprived wards.</li> <li>• Shine plans to establish a reference group of local service users of services and others to inform and shape the work of Shine in Chard by the end of September 2008;</li> <li>• Other work includes exploring the possibility of introducing the MEND Family Obesity programme within South Somerset, developing the Yeovil Healthy Towns bid and developing the Shine brand including the logo and strap line 'Working with you to improve your health' and the website.</li> </ul>
<b>Outreach to reduce offending</b> (September 2007)	<p>Active. The project hosts an outreach worker to promote the service actively and is receiving regular referrals from YOT, Connexions, and Yeovil Children's Centre etc. including permanently excluded young people. Sessions include Street Soccer, Graffiti Art workshops</p>

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	and DJ skills training culminating in 10 individual young people having attended the Foyer over the past 6 months to take part in activities through the City and Guilds Learning Power Award (LPA). Next Steps include Yeovil based sessions on Anger Management with the Youth Offending Team.
<b>Apprenticeship Scheme</b> (November 2007)	Completed. 5 adult apprentices placed with voluntary and community sector organisations with the aim of helping people back into work or to improve their work opportunities through gaining NVQ level 2 or 3.
<b>Health and Social Needs Analysis</b> (November 2007)	Completed. The Health and Social Needs Analysis 2008 has been produced and is now available on CD.
<b>SMARTRISK</b> (SCC/Somerset Road Safety Partnership/Somerset PCT/Devon & Somerset Fire & Rescue - January 2008)	Completed. Three schools and one college (2,725 students in Year 7-13) participated in this pilot project to raise awareness of the impact of taking unnecessary risks. The package will be available to all Somerset schools from September 2008.